

Lowell Summer Music Series

Boarding House Park *in the heart of the Lowell National Historical Park*

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THE LOWELL SUMMER MUSIC SERIES ANNOUNCES 17TH SEASON CONCERTS

The Lowell National Historical Park, the University of Massachusetts Lowell and the Lowell Festival Foundation present the 17th Season of the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park.

Grammy Winners headline the 2006 Lowell Summer Music Series: Pianist **Bruce Hornsby** (1986, 1989, 1993), folk-rock goddesses **Indigo Girls** (1989, 1990), Latin rock group **Los Lobos** (1983, 1989, 1995), salsa stars **The Spanish Harlem Orchestra** (2005) and N'Orleans blues pianist **Dr. John** (1989, 1992, 1996, 2000).

In addition, the Series will present folk legend **Judy Collins**; contemporary folksinger/songwriters **Dar Williams**, **Ben Taylor** and **Eddie From Ohio**; Oldies shows by **Davy Jones of the Monkees**, **Orleans** (*Still the One*, *Dance With Me*), and **Eric Burdon & the Animals**; Blues shows by **Hot Tuna**, **Marcia Ball**, **Mighty Sam McClain** and the **Chicago Blues Reunion**; Celtic music and dance by Canada's **Leahy** and French-Canadian **La Bottine Souriante**, stars of the 2005 Lowell Folk Festival; **Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream**; performances of American pop tunes by Lowell's **SRO Players**, and our annual finale, the **27th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests**.

Continuing Series Sponsors are Moosewood, Organic Classics, and the Apartments at the Boott Mills. We are pleased to welcome Kashi Co. as a new Series Sponsor. Series Media Sponsors are The Sun, The Boston Phoenix, 92.5 The River, Oldies 103.3, Frank 106.3, WCAP 980-AM, WUML-91.5FM and My TV (Channel 50).

The Lowell Summer Music Series includes ten free children's shows and 22 low-cost concert events, plus this year's Lowell Folk Festival fundraiser with Marcia Ball.

All show times are 7:30PM except the Banjo & Fiddle Contests, a free event that starts at noon. Affordable for the whole family, children 12 and under always admitted free to the Lowell Summer Music Series (except the 7/3/06 Folk Festival fundraiser). Advance tickets may be purchased at our website, www.lowellsummermusic.org or at any **Strawberries Music & Video** store. This year, tickets will also be available at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center at 246 Market Street and the Boott Cotton Mills Museum at 115 John Street. Season Passes are also on sale for 50% off the full box office price! Just \$150 gets

you in to all 21 paid admission shows – a \$305 value – until June 1, 2006. After that, the Season Pass price increases to \$160, so get your Season Passes early!

Here is the 2006 lineup!

Friday, June 30 - Hot Tuna (Acoustic & Electric) *Admission \$15*
Acoustic and electric blues by Rock'n'Roll Hall of Famers Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady.

Saturday, July 1 – Eric Burdon & the Animals *Admission \$15*
Original Animals lead singer Eric Burdon and his new band perform songs from his new blues CD, *Soul Of A Man*, along with hits like *House of the Rising Son* and *Spill The Wine*.

Monday, July 3 – Marcia Ball fundraiser for Lowell Folk Festival *Admission \$20 & \$50*
Piano pounding Marcia Ball plays masterful, red hot bluesy licks from the Texas-Louisiana border. Concert fundraiser in support of the 20th Lowell Folk Festival: \$20 concert only/\$50 includes the concert plus a meet and greet with Marcia Ball at a pre-show reception at the opening of a new exhibit "20 Years of the Lowell Folk Festival" at the adjacent Boott Cotton Mills Museum. **[Note: Not included in Season Pass; Kids not admitted free.]**

Friday, July 7 – Chicago Blues Reunion *Admission \$10*
An all-star collaboration of 1960's Chicago blues music legends who defined the sound of their generation.

Saturday, July 8 - Judy Collins *Admission \$20*
Both Sides Now, Send In The Clowns, Someday Soon, Chelsea Morning, Amazing Grace

Friday, July 14 – The SRO Players "American Pop" *Admission \$10*
Songs from *MGM movie musicals, Motown, Disney* and other popular American musical styles.

Saturday, July 15 – Orleans *Admission \$10*
Dance With Me, Still The One, Dancing In the Moonlight, Let There Be Music

Thursday, July 20 – Indigo Girls *Admission \$25*
Folk-rock goddesses Amy Ray and Emily Saliers.

Friday, July 21 – Eddie From Ohio *Admission \$10*
They are from Virginia, not Ohio. Smart quirky songs with a unique blend of tight four-part harmonies and lyrically-driven original folk music.

Saturday, July 22 - Davy Jones of the Monkees *Admission \$15*
Performing his chart busting Monkees hits *Daydream Believer, (I'm Not Your) Steppin' Stone, A Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You, I'm A Believer* and many others.

Friday, August 4 – Leon Russell *Admission \$15*
Tightrope, Delta Lady, Superstar, This Masquerade

Saturday, August 5 – Grace Potter & the Nocturnals *Admission \$15*
Organist Grace Potter leads a young, up-and-coming Vermont based jam band poised for success with their creative blend of roots, funky blues, gospel, and rock.

Friday, August 11 – Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Nights Dream" *Admission \$10*
Take a merry romp through enchanted woods where the worlds of star-crossed lovers, faeries and buffoons collide.

Saturday, August 12 – La Bottine Souriante *Admission \$10*
An exciting Québécois/Canadian musical phenomenon.

Friday, August 18 – Dar Williams
Folksinger-songwriter

Admission \$15

Saturday, August 19 – Leahy

Admission \$15

Features eight Leahy siblings – four brothers and four sisters, ages 26 to 37, in a dynamic, electrifying showcase of traditional Celtic music and dance.

Friday, August 25 – Mighty Sam McClain

Admission \$10

Considered by many to be the greatest living soul singer. A two-time Grammy nominee and perennial W.C. Handy Awards favorite, his band is backed by the Mighty Horns.

Saturday, August 26 – Bruce Hornsby

Admission \$25

Winner of three Grammy Awards

Thursday, August 31 – Dr. John

Admission \$15

Four time Grammy Winner and originator of N'Orleans Voodoo Music

Friday, September 1 - Los Lobos

Admission \$20

Winners of three Grammys, Los Lobos deliver an eclectic, solidly satisfying blend of roots music and a whole lot more - incorporating folkloric, blues, rock, R & B and Latin.

Saturday, September 2 – Spanish Harlem Orchestra

Admission \$10

Winners of the 2005 Grammy for Best Salsa/Merengue Album of the Year! Lots of horns, lots of percussion, and, oh, those salsa rhythms!

Friday, September 8 – The Ben Taylor Band

Admission \$15

First known for his famous parents, James Taylor and Carly Simon, lead singer/songwriter Ben Taylor has come into his own with three albums with his band and prominent radio airplay.

Saturday, September 9 – 27th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests

Admission FREE

A **Free Children's Series** will be announced shortly featuring music, magic, juggling, dance and lots more fun, most Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 11:00AM at Boarding House Park, starting July 5th.

The park is located at the corner of French and John Streets in downtown Lowell. In the event of rain, all performances move to the Lowell High School auditorium, across the street from Boarding House Park. Reduced price event parking is available at the John Street Garage. For further information, call our infoline at **978-970-5200** or visit our web site for advance tickets at: www.lowellsummermusic.org

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